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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: George Harry Hoffman, et al.

Title: SYSTEM, METHOD AND
COMPUTER PROGRAM
PRODUCT FOR USE OF BAR
CODES IN A SUPPLY CHAIN
MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

Appl. No.: 09/815,580

Filing Date: 03/23/2001

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**TRANSMITTAL OF APPELLANT'S BRIEF AND
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith are:

- [X] Appellant's Brief Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.192, and Appendix,
in triplicate
- [X] Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO/SB/08 and 3
references
- [X] Check for \$500, being fee for filing an Appeal Brief (\$320)
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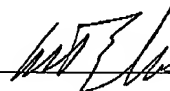
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(d), before payment of the issue fee.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

All of the documents are in English.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

STATEMENT

The undersigned hereby states in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(e)(2) that no item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the undersigned, after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

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WTE (2/12/03)

- Transmittal of Appellant's Brief and Information Disclosure Statement (pgs.);
- Appellant's Brief and Appendix (15 pgs.) - In triplicate
- Information Disclosure Statement (3 pgs.);
- Form PTO/SB/08 (1 pg.) and 3 References;
- Check Number 26922 for \$500.

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